

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF PETROL AND DIESEL BY PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain private sector companies have sought the approval of the Government to import petrol and diesel in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such companies which have sought the approval;
- (c) the names of companies which have been given approval; and
- (d) the number of such requests pending for the clearance at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): As per the extant Exim policy, imports of petrol and diesel are allowed through IOC as State Trading Enterprise. M/s. Essar Oil Limited, who have been granted marketing rights for transportation fuels by the Government, have sought permission to import petrol and diesel in the country. The matter is under the consideration of the Government.